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Memorandum for: Deputy Director/intelligence

The following paragraphs are quoted from the report (No. 1541) of the Senate Committee on Appropriations on the State Department appropriation:

The committee agrees with the House that a thorough study should be conducted of the activities of the Office of Economic Affairs to determine the necessity of each of the economic offices and to make certain that no duplication exists with the functions of the Department of Commerce or other Government agencies. This study should be conducted by the Bureau of the Budget and a report made to both the Senate and House Committees not later than the start of the next Congress.

"On recent visits abroad, members of the committee made a very thorough study of the volume of reports which our Foreign Service personnel are called upon to prepare. In addition the Investigations Division of the committee issued a report on this subject. The committee has been very much concerned with this problem for some time. Testimony was received during the hearings that the Department must comply with the requests of other Government agencies and therefore cannot firmly control the volume of reports being requested and which are furnished without reimbursement. To relieve this situation, the Bureau of the Budget is requested to make a comprehensive survey of this matter and assess the importance and end-use value of all types of reports being requested and prepared. The committee requests that when such study is completed a report of findings and conclusions be filed with both the Senate and House Appropriations Committees."

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